

East Boldon Infant School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the new school term! I hope the Christmas holiday was a restful one! Although we finished very close to Christmas, it did allow more time for the children to play with toys and games at the other side, so I do hope everyone has had a wonderful time, but are now ready to get into the swing of routines for the Spring term!

Hopefully the After School Clubs will be just as popular as last term and children will be allocated their places and letters sent out soon. Once again, I would like to thank parents for their patience and understanding as we set up the new termly routines for the children at the beginning of the term. When paying for clubs please ensure all monies and slips are returned to school in an envelope, to allow the office staff to deal swiftly with payments—thank you! If your child will be attending more than one club, could monies be placed in separate envelopes please to again help with organisation.

Can I once again just remind parents about collection arrangements for your child. It is important that your child knows who is collecting them and that any changes to collection are notified by a letter to the class teacher or a verbal note to the adult on the door on a morning. Only in exceptional circumstances should a phone call to the office be made.

Can I also ask parents to make themselves clearly visible to the class teacher and your child at home time. The safeguarding of all children is our priority and children will not be released until a clear pathway and sight of the collecting adult can be seen. Also, please ensure your children are closely supervised if playing on any of the play equipment. The children are fully aware of the rules and safety needed when playing on the areas, but please be aware, there are no staff members present in the yard before or after school.

We have begun organising Parent Workshops for this term and have informed parents of all dates in a separate letter.. Parents' attendance at these are very much appreciated. Workshops this term, as discussed, will be more hands on and will allow parents to work alongside their child and find out about the learning taking place in your child's year group and how specific teaching happens as well as how you can best support your child at home. We hope parents find this useful.

We have also scheduled two information evenings specifically about the Phonics Screening Test for our Year 1 Parents and the End of Key Stage Assessments for our Year 2 Parents. Parents will receive a letter/parent mail regarding these evenings in due course and we hope you can attend..

We are all excited to get the term started and to see lots more wonderful learning taking place! As always, your child's education is a partnership between home and school to achieve the best outcomes for our children and if we can help/support you in any way, please don't hesitate to speak to your class teacher or make an appointment with myself.

Many Thanks,
Miss Holt

A few Diary Dates coming up...

- Thursday 10th January—Year 2 swimming begins for the term (small groups C3/4 –parents will be notified of the specific dates for their child)
- W/B Monday 21st January—all After School Clubs begin for 8 weeks
- W/B Monday 21st January/4th February—Parent Workshops in school (see separate box on Newsletter)
- Wednesday 23rd January—Year 2 visit to The Oriental Museum, Durham
- Thursday 31st January and Friday 1st February—Year 2's to visit Fire Safety Awareness morning
- Monday 4th February—Lifeguard visit to Y2's to discuss water safety
- Tuesday 5th February—Safer Internet Day in school
- Thursday 7th February—Time to Talk Day in school

Friday 15th February—Break up for half term

Miss Holt loves a quote!

“And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been”
Rainer Maria Rilke



Chinese New Year 2018—Tuesday 5th February –It's the Year of the Pig!

Keep a look out in school as our poppy displays become changed into all things Chinese New Year related! We feel it is really important for the children to be aware of lots of different cultures/religions as well as our own British Values too. 'Kung Hey Fat Choy!'



Time to Talk Day—Thursday 7th February



In school we will be using this day just to TALK! We will arrange activities and circle times and encourage children about the power of speaking and listening to one another and sharing our thoughts in a empathetic and understanding way.

Safer Internet Day—Tuesday 5th February

Each year we recognise the importance of being safe citizens of computers and the internet on Safer Internet Day. This compliments our Computing curriculum and the work we do through Kidsafe. We will be sending some information to yourselves as well as posting key information on Twitter to keep everyone up to date!



Parent Teacher Association

We are really proud of the support our PTA provides to both our schools and this year our sum of over £6,000 was truly amazing so we want to make sure we use every pound wisely. We have purchased over £3000 on new, high quality readers that will make their way into home reader boxes to come home with the children. We think it is important that our children value the importance of reading and having high quality, new texts should hopefully add to that experience. We have also purchased an electronic reader, that can be added into classrooms to further develop reading skills. We have also arranged for a pantomime in school for the children in the first week of term (Oh yes we have!). The remaining money will contribute towards a sensory garden as part of ongoing developments of the Reception garden area. So thank you! The money is so valuable to us!



As discussed we have made a slight change to our workshops this term, allowing for a more active session for you or another family member to work alongside your child on some short tasks. Further details have been sent to parents.

Spring Term 2019 Parents Workshops

Reception

Class 5 Thursday 31st January and Friday 1st February

Class 6 Thursday 7th February and Friday 8th February.

All sessions 9.15-10.00 and classes will be split into 2 sessions to allow more space in classrooms.

Year 1

Class 1 Tuesday 5th February 9.15-10.00

Class 2 Wednesday 6th February 9.15-10.00
All sessions will be in the school hall

Year 2

Class 3 Tuesday 29th January 9.15-10.00

Class 4 Wednesday 30th January 9.15-10.00
All sessions will be in the school hall

Christmas Highlights....



All of the Christmas concerts were well attended by parents/ carers at St George's Church this year and the children's performances were simply amazing!

Reception had a magical time at West Boldon Lodge's Winter Wonderland and all came back very excited and eager to tell us all about it!

The school lunches team provided us with a fabulous Christmas dinner this year—Thank you! It was lovely that some of the school Governors were able to attend this event too and spoke highly of the organisation and behaviour of the children during lunch!

Parent Teacher Association

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair in school. There was a fantastic, festive atmosphere in school and we managed to raise lots of money for our two schools! Great work!

Next Meeting 6.15 on 23rd January at the Grey Horse.

